

Testimonies At The Jerusalem Council - Acts 15:7-18

v.1, 5 - Two possible interpretations of v.5 may mean the task of this Church Council was to answer: Do Gentiles need to be _____ and keep the Law of Moses 1) in order to be _____, or 2) _____ being _____ to become _____ as part of their _____?

I. Peter _____ About _____ - v.7-11

v.7 - Peter reviewed the exact _____ of _____ in Cornelius' house. They _____ the _____, _____ it, and received the _____ without being _____.

v.8 - God knows every hidden _____ of every person's _____, _____ and _____. To be saved, God requires _____ in Christ.

v.8 - Peter likened the Holy Spirit filling the _____ accompanied by " _____ " in ch.10, to his own _____ and _____ filling at _____.

v.10 - In v.10 Peter in essence asked them a 3-fold question:

- "Why do you _____ God as if He _____ a _____ by giving Cornelius the _____?"
- "Why do you _____ on _____ and the _____ when God _____?"

- "Why do you _____ on _____ and the _____ when they did not _____?"

v.10 - The Law is a _____. MacArthur writes "Jewish rabbis had summed up Scriptural law in _____ commandments, comprised of 248 _____ and 365 _____." The legalists were trying to _____ Gentiles when Christ had come to _____ us _____.

v.11 - Peter's _____ words in Acts _____ by _____.

II. Paul and Barnabas _____ Their _____ - v.12

v.12 - "the assembly fell silent" - The events with Cornelius proved _____ claim _____ be _____.

III. James _____ To _____ - v.13-18

v.13 - The testimony of James was key because he was known as a strict _____ of the _____ ("James the _____") and as " _____ - _____ James" because of his much _____.

v.13 - The most _____ proclaimers of _____ have a _____ supported by _____. _____ proclaimers of grace only appear as _____ - _____.

James closed the discussion with the most _____ of all: God's _____.